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I think this bill is the antithesis of Aloha.

It makes us out to be anti-tourist, anti-visitor, and also anti-business. It makes us look selfish.

I have no direct business stake in this, I use the beach as a private citizen, my job is not associated directly with the tourist industry and I live in the area, but understand that people come from around the world to visit and to play. Part of that play involves many of the services provided by the businesses affected by this bill.

My encounters with visitors have been almost universally positive, and it is their money that fuels much of the economy.

Although my business is not directly associated with the tourist industry, it's pretty clear that without it almost every business in Hawaii would suffer.

Watching people with signs that say "Waikiki ... that way" makes me sad, and I think reflects incredibly poorly on our hospitality.

If the reputation builds that we are visitor-unfriendly, I worry about the consequences.

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